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THE photograph of accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald giving the hammer-and-sickle (clenched-fist) salute in handcuffs in the Dallas jail should not be forgotten in the confused contentions about what kind of America we have today.

It's a picture of pure communism in practice. That fact should not be lost in the debris.

Except for this, Lee Oswald is about as indicative of true American problems (including civil rights) as was Stalin himself.

The Castro communists' kidnaping of U. S. Col. James K. Chenault in Caracas is pure communism in practice. In June, Reds had attacked our Venezuelan military mission headquarters and set it afire in the same pattern that they burned the British Embassy in Jakarta Sept. 16. This also is pure communism in practice, as was the Nov. 28 terrorist hijacking of the Venezuelan airliner at gunpoint.

Nothing changes. Valerin Zorin, the Soviet Ambassador to the UN, masterminded the assassinations in the 1948 Czechoslovakian communist coup from within the Soviet Embassy in Prague.

Poland? The hard core of terrorists there today consists of wartime communists who fled Warsaw to Moscow and returned to Poland in 1944 with Polish military units accompanying the Red Army. Moreover, Soviet intelligence picked up everywhere, and employs, all the former Nazi assassins it could find.

A central and permanent feature of Soviet policy is to cash in on the prestige of violence. Serving this purpose of violence, as well as specific political objectives, the Reds never run out of rope.

The Kremlin also maintains a special department of the Soviet Security Service (KGB) known as the "Disinformation Bureau" for manipulating misinformation. Read all about this in former Central Intelligence Agency Chief Allen Dulles' current "The Craft of Intelligence," a vital, revealing, remarkable book. For it also shows—the number officially revealed for the first time—that the Soviet had "over 40 high-level agents in various departments and agencies in Washington during World War II." Are there fewer now? This is pure communism in practice.

But to blame American society for President Kennedy's horrible assassination and gratuitously drag in the grievous problem of integration, indict "The American Soul," etc., is as preposterous as it is mysterious.

Immediately after Oswald's identification the State Department asked newsmen to play down the possibility that Oswald was a Castro or Kremlin agent, suggesting this could damage Soviet relations. And at this writing there is no known evidence of either link. But does it follow from this that we be placed on nearly everything except communist behaviorism, worldwide and traditional?

This was no ordinary murder. Our President was killed. Oswald was no ordinary Texan. He had no more roots in Dallas or Texas or America as a whole than in Timbuktu.

But if this bestial act is to teach us anything it should at least teach us the penalty of softheadedness, supineness and apathy for a doctrine that always has taught murder as an instrument of national policy, whether this particular man was an agent for it or not; a man utterly disciplined in his task.

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